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REMARKS ON THE PROPERTIES OF *VITAL AIR*;

AND THE

Curative, Alterative, and Animating Effects,

RESULTING FROM THE USE OF

VITAL WINE,

IN PREFERENCE TO ALL OTHER WINES.

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O HEALTH! without thy bleſſings, what is POW'R;
What HONOURS, RICHES, nay the gift of LIFE?
Ev'n humble POVERTY is *wealth* with thee.

VITAL AIR is known and admitted by all men of ſcience, chemical knowledge, or medical ability, to be the direct excluſive principle in nature, which gives power to all the active energies of animal life; for without a ſufficient ſupply of Vital Air, actual exiſtence ceaſes: it is the immediate ſpring---the ſtimulus which communicates animation to every thing we ſee and feel. Without the aid of Vital Air, all animals and even vegetables die, fire is extinguiſhed, and every ſubſtance in nature either becomes putreſcent or inert. With a ſufficient ſupply of Vital Air in our Syſtem, we remain in health---with too ſmall a quantity, diſeaſe, in its various forms, inevitably attacks us: but let a ſupply of Vital Air, ſuperabundant to the demands of the moſt active exertions of perfect health, be thrown into the ſyſtem, the increaſe of inſenſible perſpiration inſtantly relieves the habit; and no ſtimulus of animation is felt but as an exquiſite pleaſure, which ceaſes without fever, or an increaſe of irritability: thus Vital Air appears to be the vivifying principle which univerſally pervades all we know of exiſtence: it ſuſtains, yet never exhauſts the powers of life, but is the fountain of health, vigour and activity. Many medical men of eminence have adminiſtered it through the medium of the lungs; but the quantity thus admitted into the ſyſtem, has been found to be very trifling, and its effects greatly different from thoſe produced by Vital Air, when concentrated and accurately combined with chemical exactneſs, and received immediately into the ſtomach: for it is a well-known fact, that the lungs may for many years be diſordered, without more than locally affecting the health; but the stomach ſympathiſes with the whole ſyſtem; the blood, the brain, and nerves, are all acted upon by the stomach, by direct and neceſſary impulſe. Every diſorder, every relief impelled from the stomach, is felt rapidly and with continued effect, if the relief given be in a *ſhape capable of quick decompoſition.*

Theſe circumſtances firſt led Dr. B. to conſider the importance of Vital Air

being thus received into the ſyſtem; and after an infinity of experiments, he happily diſcovered a method of combining pure Vital Air in a liquid form, capable of quick and eaſy decompoſition, by the ſimple action of the ſtomach, communicating with quietude and certain effect, its wonderfully curative powers to every part of the body, in the form of a pleaſing and nutritious wine, which, *from the immenſe quantity of Vital Air it contains*, he denominates VITAL WINE: and the ſingular advantage which Vital Air, combined with Wine, has over all other preparations, renders it a medicine of the higheſt importance; for without oppreſſing the ſtomach with the exertion of its digeſtive powers, the moſt antiſeptic, animating, and alterative principle in nature, rapidly enters into the blood, the minuteſt ſecretory veſſels, the glands, and in fact every part of our complicated frame.

From the immenſe labour and expence which this preparation, and the neceſſary apparatus for preparing it has been attended with, and the perſuaſions of many friends of the higheſt rank and information in ſociety, Dr. BARTON was prevailed upon to take out a Patent; but not till convinced, by ample experience in conſiderable private practice as a Phyſician, that Vital Wine was a medicine of the utmoſt conſequence to mankind, both in the cure and prevention of diſeaſe, and capable of eradicating complaints which no known medicines could effect.

The leading features of Vital Wine are the prevention of all tendency to putreſcency in the habit, removing obſtructions in the glandular and nervous ſyſtems, and bringing inſenſible perſpiration to its proper quantum and regularity.

The perfect innocence of the Vital Wine is alſo ſuch, that it cannot, in any caſe whatever, be given to diſadvantage: even INFANTS of the earlieſt age may, with the utmoſt ſafety and peculiar benefit, take it: and perſons who are in a perfect ſtate of health, by drinking Vital Wine inſtead of other wines, will find their ſtrength of body, vigor of mind, and hilarity of ſpirits, all improved by it; and as an Alterative in ſcorbutic and cutaneous complaints, Vital Wine is abundantly ſuperior to every other medicine; is totally free from all metallic ſubſtances or preparations; and by its ſolvent, penetrating, antiputreſcent, and ſtimulating powers, it not only completely removes the melancholy effects of metallic medicines, ſuch as mercury, antimony, &c. but even after the full force of thoſe powerful alteratives, but dreadful debilitators of the human habit, have been repeatedly and with the utmoſt ſkill tried, diſeaſes for which ſuch medicines are peculiarly adapted, have remained, and have been afterwards radically cured by the uſe of Vital Wine alone; and in Venereal caſes, after mercury has failed, Vital Wine has always been found not only to re-eſtabliſh the general health, but totally to eradicate the complaints: and where no mercury or any other medicine has been given, the Vital Wine alone, without confinement or reſtraint, completely removes the diſeaſe.

SCROPHULA.

In Scrophula and all other glandular Obſtructions, Vital Wine is an abſolute ſpecific, and the youngeſt infants may drink it, while at the breaſt, with a certainty of preventing ſcrophulous complaints, or of removing them if formed. The Bills of Mortality of all great cities furniſh indubitable but lamentable proofs of the fatal effects of infantine diſeaſes, occaſioned either by obſtructions in the minuter veſſels, which, *by being neglected*, produce ſcrophula, or a tendency to putrid diſeaſes. In theſe caſes, and when medicines, in their uſual form, cannot be given, the uſe of Vital Wine is peculiarly efficacious. An extraordinary inſtance of the effects of Vital Wine, in a direct ſcrophula, has lately occurred in Dr. BARTON's private practice:

A child at Lambeth, about ſix years of age, was afflicted with ſcrophula ſwellings, fœtid diſcharges and excruciating pains in every part of her body, from head to foot. When Dr. B. was conſulted, the child appeared to be in the laſt ſtage of melancholy exiſtence, but by taking Vital Wine only, her ſores healed, and without the aſſiſtance of any other medicine, her ſtrength, ſpirits and health returned.

FEVERS.

In Fevers Vital Wine is ſuperior to every other medicine; its antiſceptic and antiputreſcent powers are ſuch, that even putrid fevers will give way to them in a few hours, and the patient become active and in complete health in a ſpace of time ſcarcely to be believed.

In an inſtance of the moſt virulent putrid fever, where the patient was one maſs of putridity, deprived of ſight, hearing, and nearly of all feeling, and deemed by four eminent medical men gone far beyond the reach of hope or medicine, Dr. B. recommended Vital Wine. The patient was obliged to ſwallow, *for he was wholly diveſted of powers, or any apparent ſenſations*, two quarts, at intervals, in the ſpace of two hours; and four more within the ſucceeding 24 hours, by which, and the occaſional uſe of Vital Wine a few days, he recovered without the aſſiſtance of any other medicine, ſoon gained ſufficient ſtrength to attend his buſineſs, and has ſince enjoyed excellent health.

When Dr. BARTON reſided in Ireland, he had an extraordinary opportunity of trying the effect of Vital Wine in an epidemic Fever, which raged in the county of Louth, in the years 1790 and 1791: the firſt ſymptoms of it were nearly the ſame as a common pleuriſy, and ſoon changed to a regular putrid fever, which, *by the uſual mode of treatment*, proved fatal to no leſs than in proportion of three to eight perſons who were attacked by it. Dr. BARTON adminiſtered the Vital Wine to near 800, which, in no one inſtance ever failed; but every perſon who took the Wine recovered.

The occaſional uſe of Vital Wine alſo prevents any liability to infection from the contagion of putrid or epidemic diſorders. In common colds, or in pleuriſies, when the firſt ſymptoms of fever, quick pulſe or pain in the ſide come on, Vital Wine, drank according to the directions, removes the complaints in a few hours; and, in the moſt advanced ſtate of pleu-

riſies, it is of great uſe, as it almost instantly corrects the primary cauſe *Inflammation of the Pleura*, and by stopping every tendency to the advancement of putreſcency, increaſing perſpiration, and stimulating the whole ſystem, ſeldom fails, *wholly unaided by any other medicine*, of rapidly effecting a radical eure.

NERVOUS COMPLAINTS.

In Nervous complaints Vital Wine is always found extremely uſeful, as it increaſes the ſupply of the pure ſecretions of the nervous ſyſtem, allays nervous anxiety, produces quiet and regular exertion, as well as direct and refreſhing ſleep.

PREGNANCY.

To Females, in all ſtages of pregnancy, in child-birth, and during their recovery, Vital Wine is highly uſeful from its powers of removing Obſtructions of every kind, by gently ſtimulating the blood and glandular ſyſtems, and by keeping the nerves in a ſtate of complete action. Spaſms, nauſeas, and accumulations, ſo common during pregnancy, are alſo, by the occaſional uſe of Vital Wine, effectually prevented. In difficult labours Vital Wine has always been found uſeful, and in caſes where little hope remained of ſaving either mother or infant, by *the gently active but invigorating ſtimulative effects of* a few glaſſes of this medicine, both have been preſerved. An instance occurred to Dr. B. who was called to a lady who had been ſeveral days in labour, and where great ſkill had been uſed and attention paid, the patient was induced to drink the Vital Wine freely, which occaſioned an happy and almost immediate relief.

Dr. BARTON, the Inventor of the *Patent Vital Wine*, finding the great demand for it interfere with his Medical Avocations,

HAS APPOINTED

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The following reſpectable teſtimony in favour of the Patent Vital Wine, has been recently preſented to Dr. Barton, by ſeveral Noblemen and Ladies of the moſt diſtinguiſhed rank and character.

WE, whoſe names are hereunto ſubſcribed, feel ourſelves called upon to teſtify, in the ſtrongeſt manner, our high approbation of Dr. Barton's moſt excellent Vital Wine, having not only derived great benefit from it as a medicine, but found it a moſt pleaſant beverage; we therefore take this mode of congratulating the public on this happy diſcovery, as a general benefit to mankind.

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